

Unused provender channeled to needy

ATLANTA — Rather than discarding thousands of dollars' worth of day-old or mislabeled foodstuffs, concerned individuals — including many Southern Baptists — are using it to feed the hungry.

"We collect food that would be wasted, get it to people who need it, and do it without depending on the government or on big agencies," says Mike Yingling, a 19-year-old Southern Baptist from Baltimore and the first employee of Maryland Food Bank. Hired as warehouse manager when the bank began two years ago, he started with an old salad company warehouse and, along with volunteers, developed a complex salvage and distribution network that handled one million pounds of food in its first year—most of which simply would have been thrown away if it had not been for the food bank.

Jim Lowder, Yingling's pastor and director of Canton Baptist Center in Baltimore, was a member of the ecumenical Maryland Food Committee which launched the food salvage network in 1979. Lowder's group knew that 15-20 percent of the people in Baltimore received food or meals from emergency centers in 1976. The city health department reported 50,000 anemic children.

Meanwhile, food processors, bakeries and supermarkets annually were discarding thousands of dollars' worth of food that was completely edible, but could not be sold: potato salad with slightly too firm potatoes, mislabeled cans, edibles, such as yogurt and cheese, unsold because they neared sale dates.

In 1978, the Maryland Food Committee decided wasted food and hungry people could be brought together. Now the Mary-

land Food Bank receives a vast array of day-old bread, blue-looking grape soda, mislabeled cans of vegetables, underweight bottles of cooking oil and surplus butter beans. More than 75 tons of food makes its way from mistake to godsend each month—without costing taxpayers a dime.

The bitter irony of hungry children living near mountains of wasted food is not unique to Baltimore. Government figures estimate nearly 25 million people in the United States live at or below the poverty level.

The problem of wasted food is equally staggering and equally widespread. According to former Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland, almost one-fifth of all food produced for U.S. consumption—137 million tons—is lost each year. That's roughly equivalent to 8,200 McDonald's "quarter pounders" per Southern Baptist in the nation. This food,

worth \$31 billion in 1976 alone, could have fed 49 million people for a year, more than twice the total presently living in poverty.

As Maryland demonstrated, salvaging food for the hungry is so obvious a solution to the embarrassing problem of waste/national hunger, one wonders why it was not done earlier. The reasons are taxes and legal liabilities.

When Congress passed the Tax Reform Law of 1976, it became possible for a company to deduct not just actual production costs of donated food, but also up to half of what the food would have brought through normal channels—often a markup of 200 percent. Says one food executive, "Now we have a financial incentive to save the food."

A second restraint in food salvage stems from companies' fear to accept legal risks of their food going through "unusual distribu-

tion channels" such as food banks.

In 15 states, the solution has been "Good Samaritan" laws, which limit liability of the donor. Seven more states are considering Good Samaritan laws, and observers expect all 50 states will have them within a few years. A coalition of church groups and agribusiness corporations are pushing national legislation.

In addition to obvious benefits, food banks allow other low-budget organizations to increase ministries without increased expenditures.

The Atlanta Food Bank proved instrumental in Oakhurst Baptist Church's ministry to street people in Atlanta. The Decatur, Ga., church opened its doors during winter months, providing a dozen homeless men shelter and two meals a day, seven days a week. Within three months, Oakhurst Baptist used 2,200 pounds of food

from Atlanta Food Bank—at minimal cost to the church.

Like most, the Atlanta operation lives and breathes through volunteers. A critical need in Atlanta has been transportation, being met in part by members from Northside Drive Baptist Church. Volunteers make runs between the food bank and the short-staffed agencies which distribute the goods to the hungry.

"This isn't a glamorous job," notes one Northsider, "but it sure is practical." Atlanta Food Bank now handles 25 tons of food a month.

But food banks are "the band-aid approach" to solving problems of hunger, insists Atlanta Food Bank manager Rich D'Angiolillo. Re-managing personal consumption habits will resolve root causes of hunger, he says, adding, "If we want to improve the society we're in, we need to be more giving."

Mississippians are headed for overseas

A college professor, a pastor, a former student worker, and another pastor formerly in Mississippi were among appointees named missionaries by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board at its meeting in Birmingham April 13.

Philip and Laura Dunaway of Newton were named missionaries to Brazil where he will teach seminary and she will be a home and church worker.

Dunaway is chairman of the division of religion at Clarke College, a division of Mississippi College. He is also interim pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Newton.

Born in Jackson, Miss., Dunaway is a graduate of Mississippi State and earned the master of divinity degree from Southwestern Seminary and the Ph.D. degree from Baylor University. He worked as a college teacher in Killeen, Tex., and as an assistant chemical engineer in Muscle Shoals, Ala. Along with his wife he also was a US-2 missionary for the Home Mission Board in Boyne City, Mich. Mrs. Dunaway, the former Laura Lindley, born in Meridian, is a graduate of Meridian Junior College and Mississippi State.

The Dunaways have two children: Eric Boyd, born in 1973; and Summers, born in 1978.

Warren and Joannah Rush of Laurel were appointed to a renewable four-year term in Senegal in West Africa where he will be an English-language pastor and she will be a home and church worker. He is pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Laurel.

A Mobile native, Rush is a graduate of the University of Alabama and Southwestern Seminary where he earned the master of divinity degree. He served in North Africa during World War II and was pastor of Parkway Baptist Church, Tallahassee, Fla., for 20 years.

Mrs. Rush is the former Joannah Hull, born in Taylorsville, Miss., who

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Question of staying looms for Argentina missionaries

By Don McGregor
"Tell Mississippi Baptists we need their prayers," J. Robert Burtis, missionary to Argentina, told the Baptist Record in a telephone interview this week.

Burtis is the coordinator in Argentina for the endeavor known as Mississippi Partners with the Rio de la Plata, which is the partnership arrangement

between the Baptists of Mississippi and Paraguay, Uruguay, and Argentina.

"We need to pray also that this crisis between Argentina and England over the Falkland Islands will be solved in the peace of the Lord," he added.

Burtis also asked for prayer for the missionary families back home (in the U.S.) and for the children back home

whose parents are still in Argentina. This would include the missionary children in college in the United States.

Situation tense

The missionary said that the situation for missionaries in Argentina is tense but that he feels they are still in good shape. "So far we have not felt that we should implement an evacuation," he noted. He said the Baptist people in the nation were very supportive of the missionaries and that the other Argentines were cool but not hostile.

It would be expected that any coolness exhibited on the part of the Argen-

tine nationals would stem from the public stance taken by the U.S. administration in support of England in the crisis.

At press time Thurmon Bryant, the Foreign Mission Board's director for Eastern South America, was planning to fly May 5 to Argentina for counseling with the missionaries concerning alternatives and circumstances.

Burtis noted that many other Americans are still in Argentina and seem to feel no need to leave. He said that the Baptist people are very cordial toward the missionaries and that the crisis seems to be bringing the people of the nation closer to the Lord.

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Mother's Day brings "thank you" to Village

By Tim Nicholas
The first 1982 Mother's Day contribution to the Mississippi Baptist Children's Village came from a woman who grew up at the Village. The note that accompanied the check gave a hint at the type of person she grew up to be:

"Thank you, ... (for) taking care of all the children ... I hope this money can help the children and hopefully I'll be able to send more soon."

"I feel blessed that I was able to live at the Baptist Children's Village. I know this because of my feelings for the Lord. He has been so very good to me, and if I hadn't lived at the Village, I would have probably never come to know him like I do."

"Thank you again for so many things. Love ..."

The Mother's Day offering is the Village's time for an agency appeal to Mississippi Baptist churches. A total of 70 percent of its operating budget comes from designated giving, according to Ruth (Mrs. Henry) Glaze, Christian Education director.

Ruth said the Village staff was pleased that it could help turn out such

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Radiation therapy center at MBMC holds open house

By Jean May
Director of Public Relations
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Two years ago the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center in Jackson embarked on one of its most important projects ever undertaken in this community—the construction of a new radiation therapy center for the treatment of cancer. That new center, which began receiving patients approximately one year ago, will hold an open house on Sunday, May 16 from 3 to 5 p.m.

Over the years MBMC has continually strived to maintain the best contemporary capabilities for all aspects of medical treatment and patient care. Since 1965 the hospital has operated a radiation therapy unit as a part of its total cancer program. But there is always the desire for improvement in order to keep pace with new medical technology. Although excellent capabilities existed in many areas of

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Carey choir will sing in New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS (BP)—A wide array of church music, much of it instrumental, will greet participants in the annual Southern Baptist Church Music Conference June 13-14 at First Baptist Church in New Orleans.

The conference is one of several adjunct meetings to the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting, held June 15-17 at the Louisiana Superdome.

The meeting's theme, Reaching People Through Instrumental Music, is adopted from a similar theme of the Baptist Sunday School Board church

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Witnessing project asks Mississippians to help

By Paul Harrell
Brotherhood director
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

"Bold Missions—New Orleans" is a unique mission thrust project involving Southern Baptist lay persons in reaching a city with the gospel during the preliminary activities of the Southern Baptist Convention. The success of this event will depend largely upon Mississippi Baptists and other states adjacent to the New Orleans area.

Saturday, June 12, thousands of Southern Baptist youths will be going out from the Superdome for an evangelistic Youth Blitz to many parts of the city.

Sunday, June 13 is the critical day for this gigantic effort. At 1 p.m. per-

sons desiring to serve as group leaders are being asked to assemble at the Superdome for a group leaders training session.

All others participating will convene at 2 p.m. for a training and instructional period. Buses will leave at 3 p.m. taking the canvassers into the various sections of New Orleans and will return you to the Superdome by 6 p.m.

Every person is invited to join the "Pastor's Conference in the Superdome" that night for an evangelistic rally led by Billy Graham.

This evangelistic endeavor is being coordinated by the Baptist Association of Greater New Orleans. For additional information, please write Nolan C. Johnston, the director of missions, 2222 Lakeshore Drive, New Orleans, La., 70122 or call (504) 282-1428.

Editors cut issues, pages to keep newspapers solvent

By Norman Jameson
NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—Cleavers in hand, Southern Baptist newspaper editors are hacking issues, cutting pages, slashing travel and, of course, raising rates, to stay solvent through the budget year.

An unexpected loss of postal subsidy for second class non-profit mailers Jan. 10 immediately doubled everyone's rate and made postage the biggest single budget item for Baptist State newspapers. Congress cut \$82 million from a stop-gap funding appropriation in December, forcing second class non-profit mailers to leap to rates they had not planned on until 1987.

Don McGregor, editor of the Mississippi Baptist Record, and president of the Southern Baptist Press Association when the increases were an-

nounced, said: "The present administration of the federal government not only failed to keep faith with us on a long-standing agreement, but also refused to give any thought to it. I am aware that this is of no consequence to the administration, but ... I will not hesitate to put the blame where it belongs."

The increase hit just after churches and state conventions had voted budgets, leaving editors who could not immediately raise subscription rates in a "desperate" situation. Postage costs for the Texas Baptist Standard, circulation 380,000, went from \$9,065 a week to \$22,098. The South Carolina Baptist Courier had probably the largest percentage increase, 217 percent, raising its weekly bill from \$1,780 to \$5,660.

Responses to a Baptist Press survey to which 23 of 34 Baptist state newspapers responded, indicated only newspapers with computerized subscription lists, who could raise rates the next month, or who anticipated a major increase in their budget planning, are able to continue operations as usual.

Nine newspapers will cut their number of annual issues and two others will "if necessary." The North Carolina Biblical Recorder, sixth in circulation with 116,000, slashed its annual issues to 36. Colorado cut three to 45, Georgia cut two to 48, South Carolina cut five to 45, California cut four, Virginia cut four to 44, Arizona cut 12, to 36, in 1980, anticipating a re-

turn to 48, a move postponed by the postal increases.

Newspapers like the Illinois Baptist, Ohio Baptist Messenger, Penn-Jersey Baptist and Northwest Baptist Witness, completely budgeted through their state's Cooperative Program and sent to every family, are hardest hit because they cannot alter budgets for nearly a year, except through emergency allocation. Other newspapers, long proud of receiving only minimal support through state Cooperative Program funds, now must ask for more.

Illinois cut issues from 49 to a maximum of 44, minimum 24, and asked churches to chop their mailing lists one-third, dropping total circulation from 48,000 to 30,000. Convention officers, encouraged by churches sending contributions to keep from having to trim their mailing lists, are considering a return to a church budget plan in 1984.

Ohio editor Theo Sommerkamp wanted to preserve circulation. Trimming pages helps little because 88 to 90 percent of his mailing cost is per piece. The Northwest Baptist Witness and South Carolina will cut pages. Mississippi cut pages earlier because of newspaper costs. Some others who cut issues will add pages.

Oklahoma's Baptist Messenger actually increased 5,000 circulation. Texas lost 11,500; Georgia's Christian Index lost 4,000 but had anticipated a 5,000 to 10,000 loss; Tennessee's Ba-

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Phone Phauls

The Baptist Building phone system was out several times last week for short periods. This was due to faulty circuits which shorted out when the system was cut. We apologize for any inconvenience that may have been caused to Mississippi Baptists.

Art Nelson
business manager
Mississippi Baptist
Convention Board

The Record speaks

Couples follow Record ideas to full time church building

In 1977 Joe and Catherine Heranney of Hollandale retired and took a camping trip around the U.S. "We wanted to do something in retirement that would be worthwhile to others as well as ourselves," he said. An article in the Baptist Record about Campers on Mission started him thinking that they might combine camping with witnessing opportunities. Then she read an article in a WMU magazine that told about volunteer church builders. "That is what I want to do!" Joe, a professional contractor, realized.

They offered their services to the Home Mission Board, rented out their new house, and sold their construction company to one of their sons. Since 1977 they've lived in their camper practically all the time while he has built churches in several states and she has taught VBS and helped in other ways. Now he is also one of about 15 volunteer consultants who work with the HMB and travel to various churches to discuss building plans and give cost estimates.

Thomas and Faye Keith, also of Hollandale, sold their department store and went into volunteer church construction in 1978. "We read in the Baptist Record," said Thomas, "a Brotherhood story telling about the need for church construction workers." As a result, they notified the Home Mission Board of their willingness to give their time and labor. His skill as an electrician has been an extra boon.

In Thoreau, New Mexico, the pastor, Jack Terrell, told the Keiths, "The nails you have driven here will be testimony to your love for the Master and his people long after all of us are gone."

This series, "The Record speaks," tells of influences the BAPTIST RECORD has had on people's lives. Anne Washburn McWilliams is writing the series. June 6 will be Baptist Record Sunday in Mississippi churches. Those who have had a life-changing experience as a result of reading the Baptist Record, are encouraged to write Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205.

Memphis ministry gathers refugees

By Tim Nicholas

Recently, a Memphis pastor baptized 15 people in one Sunday, more, he said, than in the entire previous year.

The pastor was an anglo, the converts were Indo-Chinese. They were the products of an ethnic ministry led by James Kellum, a native of Tutwiler, Miss. He told of his ministry during the recent Language Missions Conference on the Gulf Coast led by Richard Alford of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Kellum, former Foreign Mission Board missionary to Vietnam, is now catalytic missionary for Indo-Chinese work in Shelby County (Memphis) Association.

The 119 church association has nine Indo-Chinese congregations reaching 350 in attendance on Sundays. In addition a group called International Friends is teaching English to 500 people in five locations on Mondays and Fridays. Plus a group of Hmong, Cambodian mountain people, are readying for seminary extension courses.

Last summer the association took 79 Indo-Chinese kids to camp and had 38 professions of faith in Jesus Christ. This summer they plan for 150 in attendance. Last summer also saw eight Backyard Bible Clubs for the Indo-Chinese kids. And there's a clothing closet and tape ministry.

Kellum attributes much of the success of the Baptist ministries among the Indo-Chinese in the area to involvement in an interdenominational organization called the Memphis Area Resettlement Task Force. Its purpose is to enhance the quality of life, provide advocacy, mediation, and coordination of services.

Kellum saw as he began his work in Memphis, that Southern Baptists "were quite isolated" in terms of refugee ministries. He began to visit the Catholic, Christian, and Lutheran organizations, establishing rapport.

He was able to get the other groups to co-sponsor a conference by a New York group called the American Council for Voluntary Agencies which offered ways to establish better working relationships on the local government agency level, and help pull together what was already being done. The result was the Memphis Area Resettlement Task Force, of which Kellum is on the sponsorship committee.

Lutherans who have counselors on staff, offered them for the refugees. Two groups discovered they were both developing well-funded job training programs that could be meshed with proper planning.

Now, the groups work to avoid scheduling conflicts. Participating are the Baptists, Lutherans, Catholics, Presbyterians, and Church of Christ.

They help the Indo-Chinese groups form Mutual Assistance Associations, where the people help one another with such things as loans.

"Kellum said that though he has never suggested it, 'the leaders say to their people, 'look what the Baptists are doing for you. You ought to go to a Baptist church.'"

He said one fast-working result of the ministry was when he received a call and the Indo-Chinese leader said "We've got 150 people who want to go to a Baptist church; can you find us a church next Sunday?"

The missions committee is looking for ethnic pastors for each of the groups. And the young people are beginning to ask how they can become preachers, said Kellum. "We're letting them be quasi-counselors, developing them into leadership roles."

Of the estimated 2,400 Southeast Asian people in the Memphis area, one fourth of them are in Southern Baptist Churches.

The bottom line for success in such a ministry said Kellum, is that "our Baptist churches are ministering spiritually where others are not."

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He said the Sunday morning service in his own church at San Antonio de Padua had been given over to a prayer service and that there were tremendous services there both morning and evening with some decisions. In another church in Buenos Aires there were 10 professions of faith, he said. He added that the churches are open for prayer during the day and prayer services are being held at night.

Prayer service

On Sunday morning also there were 3,000 Argentine Baptists gathered at 11 a.m. in the Plaza San Martin in Buenos Aires in a prayer service sponsored by the Argentine Baptist Convention. This prayer service was telecast in the United States on NBC with the note that Baptists in the nation are small in number but influential.

There are 54 Southern Baptist missionaries in Argentina at this time.

Bob Stanley, Foreign Mission Board director of information, told the Baptist Record that a report from Frances Roberts, press representative of the Argentine mission, noted that there have been no hostilities directed toward U.S. missionaries. She added that the announcement of the U.S. government support of the British cause has provoked wide spread public resentment of the United States, but that resentment has not yet caused any harassment of U.S. citizens in Buenos Aires.

"One has to live each day," she said. "We are continuing our work as usual. Anxiety caused by the fighting has given renewed opportunities for witnessing."

Bryant's visit was stepped up by seven days on account of the crisis. He has a three-fold purpose: to provide support and encouragement for the missionaries; to visit some of the other

areas of work outside Buenos Aires such as Neuquen, Mendoza, Cordoba, La Plata, San Rafael, Bahia Blanca, and Villa Mercedes; and to attend the Argentine Baptist Convention meeting May 21 to 25.

Following the prayer service in the Plaza San Martin, two Argentine Baptist officials visited the Argentine foreign ministry office to offer congratulations to the government for its diplomatic effort to end the crisis. They were Ignacio Loredo, executive secretary, and Miguel Bollatti, president.

Evacuation plan

Burtis has noted that an evacuation plan has been established should a violent anti-American atmosphere develop. Southern Baptist missionaries might leave for Miami, Fla., or for Uruguay and Paraguay, Burtis said. He requested prayer that "we will be able to stand by in this time of crisis

and pressure and have a ministry to the Argentine people." He also requested prayer for the Argentine Baptists and other Christians.

Southern Baptists need to be concerned about the relationships between the United States and Latin America, according to Ben Bedford, associate area director for Eastern South America.

Bedford, who is teaching at Southwestern Seminary during his furlough year, told the Baptist Record that people need to be aware of what could be the effect of the use of force in any circumstance involving Latin America, and they need to see that force is not good at any time.

"Whatever happens, we must pray that God's name will be glorified," he said in discussing the effect on Southern Baptist missions efforts in Latin America as a result of the Falkland Islands hostilities.

Esteem low

U. S. esteem in Latin America is already low, he reminded, and noted that the fact that the United States is siding with England will not help that condition. Southern Baptist missionaries in Argentina, however, are continuing to be able to go about their business in almost a normal way, he added.

"We must pray much," he said. He cautioned that if the United States were to be drawn into the confrontation in some way or if diplomatic relations with Argentina were broken, we would very likely lose our missions opportunities in all of Latin America.

The U.S. administration, however, has continued to emphasize that it wants to continue to maintain friendly relations with Argentina and insists that no U.S. forces will be involved.

As associate area director, Bedford lives on the field when not on furlough. His home is in Buenos Aires.

Alexander arrives

Mark Alexander, who served the past four months as coordinator for the Mississippi Partners with the Rio de la Plata, and his wife returned to their Argentina mission field at Mar del Plata just last week. Mrs. Alexander is a native of Corinth, Miss.

Mississippi Partners with the Rio de la Plata is Mississippi Baptists' missions partnership endeavor with the Baptists of Paraguay, Uruguay, and Argentina. Early next month three Baptists from the area will be visiting Mississippi. They are Rafael Altamirano, executive secretary of the Paraguay Baptist Convention; Daniel Kerne, pastor of the New Dawn Baptist Church in Montevideo, Uruguay; and Roberto Modroff of Argentina.

Mississippians going overseas

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earned a diploma in theology from Southwestern Seminary. She has worked as a clerk and soil-testing technician in Mobile.

The Rushes have three grown children and three grandchildren. Their daughter Deborah Davis and her husband Freddie, were appointed as missionaries to Japan in December.

Barbara J. Whittington was appointed to Ivory Coast where she will be a mass communications specialist. She is attending Golden Gate Seminary and is a graduate of Mobile College. She earned the master of education degree from the University of Southern Mississippi and expects to receive the Ph.D. degree from that school in August.

She has taught in Mobile and Grove Hill, Ala., and was associate director of the Baptist Student Union at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Daniel and Sharon Bradley were appointed to Kenya where he will be a

general evangelist and she will be a home and church worker. He is pastor of Philadelphia Baptist Church, Peterman, Ala.

A native of Gulfport, Miss., Bradley is a graduate of Mississippi Gulf Coast Junior College, Perkinston Branch and of the University of Southern Mississippi. He earned the master of divinity degree from New Orleans Seminary.

He has been a construction worker and teacher in Gulfport and was pastor of Sharon Baptist Church, Long Beach and Hebron Baptist Church, Meridian.

Mrs. Bradley, also born in Gulfport,

is the former Sharon Freret, reared in Saucier. She is a graduate of Mississippi Gulf Coast Junior College and University of Southern Mississippi. She has taught high school in D'Iberville, Long Beach and in Meridian, and was a geological assistant in New Orleans.

The Bradleys have two children: Sarah Beth, born in 1976; and John Paul, 1979.

All 33 of the April FMB appointees will go to Pine Mountain, Ga., in September for a 12 week orientation before leaving for the mission fields.

Convention child care director asks children be pre-enrolled

NEW ORLEANS (BP)—Janet Kemp, child care director for the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in New Orleans, is offering a discount to parents who pre-register their children.

Child care rates for the convention June 15-17 and its related meetings are discounted as much as \$4 per day for children registered by May 31.

Kemp, director of the preschool education center for New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, will return a registration form to each parent who writes her at the seminary 3939

Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans, La., 70126. One form is required for each child and the request must be postmarked by May 31.

Rates vary session to session and day to day. Because of the special evangelism events this year, child care will be provided early, beginning with the Sunday afternoon witnessing blitz.

Child care is limited to children who have not entered first grade. There will be no child care provided during sessions of the Pastors' Conference.

Open house

MBMC radiation therapy center

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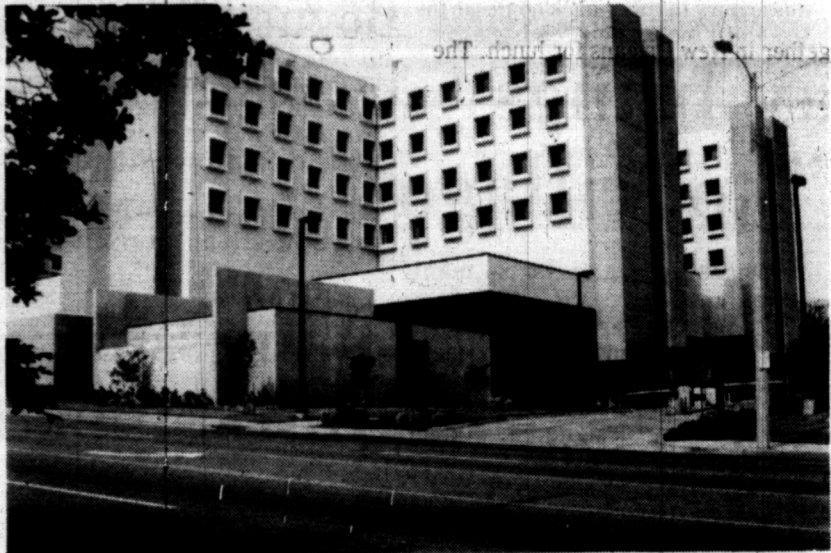
cancer treatment, particularly with respect to diagnosis, surgery and chemotherapy, new equipment and facilities were vitally needed in order to provide the most effective radiation treatment—the type treatment that was available to Mississippians only at major medical centers outside the state.

Some of the cold, hard facts being looked at were: —There were 8,000 new cases of cancer in Mississippi in 1980; —During the calendar year 1981, an average of 225 patients per month were admitted to MBMC with a diagnosis of cancer; —approximately one-half of cancer patients require radiation therapy.

Many persons can ill afford the heavy travel expenses for themselves and their families to out-of-state medical centers such as Houston or Birmingham, not to mention the additional burden of having to go to a strange town and hospital to receive treatment.

Since some 90 percent of cancer cases can usually be treated on an outpatient basis, a therapy center in Mississippi allows those patients that are able to continue working at their job or profession to do so with no loss of income, plus having the comfort and security of being at or near home. Utilizing the new equipment and the new facility, MBMC's radiation therapy center personnel are now treating 90 patients per day, five days a week, 12 hours a day.

Incorporated into the new center are four pieces of the most modern treatment equipment available—the linear accelerator 20MEV which enables the therapist to deliver, very accurately, a much higher dose of radiation with



MBMC's new \$2.8 million Radiation Therapy Center will hold open house on Sunday, May 16 from 3 to 5 p.m. Tours of the facility and explanations of its modern equipment for the treatment of cancer will be conducted by unit personnel.

lessened damage to non-malignant tissue; the Cobalt-780 making possible more intensive treatment with cobalt over a shorter period of time; the simulation unit which allows the therapist to locate the tumor and plan out the treatment programs; and the treatment planning computer which provides a more accurate and thorough job of calculating radiation dose distribution to the patient.

Of the approximately \$2.8 million required to build and equip the new facility, over \$1 million was raised by donations from industries, corporations, business establishments and other sources during a fund drive conducted in late 1980. Scores of interested and dedicated persons gave freely of

their time and efforts to this campaign. The remainder of the necessary monies came from the MBMC general fund.

The new radiation therapy center with its complement of modern treatment machinery and highly qualified staff is the only one of its kind in the state. It is a credit not only to MBMC and those who helped raise the funds needed for the construction, but also a major contributor to high quality health care for all Mississippians.

The center is located on the north end of the hospital at 1225 North State Street. Free parking for guests will be provided in the north public parking area closest to the hospital.

"Thank you" to Village

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citizens as the author of the letter. "As a supplemental family we are called on to fill in voids," she said. "Probably our biggest task is to meet those needs that are so deep down and God leads us into solutions that otherwise we wouldn't be able to see."

Though most of the children who live at the Village are not orphans, a great many are from family units that have been broken. "In many cases there was a spiritual void as far as teachings and influence and training in Christian concepts," said Ruth.

Teaching guitar to one child, Ruth played "Jesus Loves Me" as a simple tune. It didn't help because the child had never heard it before.

"Often we have to start with the physical needs—food, clothing, shel-

ter, and a pillow for the head," she said.

She explained that for most of the children there has been a lack of consistency in their lives. One teenager has been in 10 foster homes, she said. "We offer consistency—meals at a certain time, bed time and a bed to go to and when he gets sick at night, someone will come," said Ruth. "Then comes trust in the individuals who are providing the physical needs, particularly the houseparent, before they can trust in spiritual matters."

She said that beside the spiritual matters, the Village staff tries to get across to the children that the children's being at the Village "is not just chance or luck—it's a part of the Master's plan for their lives." She added, "it's a time that can add great meaning and purpose to their lives."

One of those children who feels that way was willing to tell of his experiences. His story offers encouragement to those who work at the Village and those who support it through such as the Mother's Day offering.

He said he had been experimenting with drugs and had miserable grades in school, when a friend became a Christian. The friend was having trouble sleeping and walked outside his cottage and said, "God, if you're really up there and care for me, just give me peace so I can sleep." He got his sleep and began to read his Bible. Shortly after, he made a profession of faith.

The boy visited his friend who was now a Christian and saw him reading

his Bible and trying to explain what he was doing. "He asked me if I would ever become a Christian. I said, 'yeah, after I grow up and settle down.' He said 'you've got to do it now.' He said he'd been forgiven and that he had been praying for a brother in Christ."

The boy was allowed to spend four nights in a row with his Christian friend, a rare occasion among Village cottages, he said. That fourth night, the boy "asked the Lord to come into my life."

He said since then, his grades have improved and he had a whole new outlook on the Village. "People said, 'What's wrong, you've been smiling.' I told them I accepted Christ. That kinda turns them off," he said.

"They don't want to change. They're scared that God can change their whole life. They say they'll change later. They don't understand if it ends tomorrow..."

The teenager said that being a Christian is not always easy, like at school. "We're already from the Village," he said, noting possible prejudice, "and that sometimes is bad enough."

He said that many of the kids at the Village won't admit they appreciate the care given to them, but some after leaving the Village will return "in a piece of junk car saying 'you don't know how you've got it made — you don't know what you got.'"

He explained, "They never give up on you. If they did we wouldn't be here."

Baptist editors cut issues . . .

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tist and Reflector lost about 1,500; North Carolina lost 5,000, which editor Marse Grant blamed primarily on the staggering economy in his state; and Arkansas lost 2,500.

More editors pre-sort their newspapers to gain a cheaper mailing rate. The Baptist New Mexican, circulation 16,200, carries 166 mail bags to the post office. North Carolina saves \$1,000 per issue by pre-sorting; Missouri saves \$500, and Georgia \$1,500.

Georgia editor Jack Harwell, Maryland's Larry High and Colorado's Jim Young cut travel. Young halved his complimentary list. Daley cut his complimentary list almost completely and discontinued bulk mailings free to hospitals and other institutions.

Georgia will set its own type. Maryland takes camera-ready proofs to its printer, including pictures already screened. Arizona went to a new for-

mat, Virginia pulled its composition in-house.

Beyond cost cutting, editors are looking to increased revenue. First and most obvious is to raise subscription rates, which now average \$4.50 through church budget every-member plans, up from \$3.37 in December. South Carolina is lowest at \$3 but will increase to \$3.50 Oct. 1. California, at \$5.88 for church budget plan, is highest.

Daley wants to increase church use of the newspaper's back page as a vehicle for their church news. Georgia has raised advertising rates and will solicit more advertising.

A postal regulation limiting advertising space in non-profit publications to 10 percent without penalty, no longer bears much restrictive punch. After the rate increases, non-profits now pay more per piece than do for-profit publications. Non-profits pay significantly less per pound, but since they are generally smaller and on

lighter paper, per issue costs vary little.

Baptist state newspapers, with combined circulation of approximately 1.8 million, could be an attractive advertising outlet.

For-profit mailers pay six cents more per pound and one-tenth cent less per piece to mail their product than non-profits pay. Shackleford figured that at those rates, he would have added only \$141 to his \$5,223 postage bill to mail his last issue as a profit publication. And that would have freed him from the 10 percent advertising restriction.

The additional \$141 would have been made up with the sale of only 10.4 additional inches of advertising copy.

Finally, the state Baptist editors say their newspapers are alive, if hurting, and they have found churches stand behind them in a way that renews their confidence in their publications as the primary communication tool of their state Baptist conventions.

Carey choir will sing

music department. It will be played in New Orleans with organ, piano and brass combination.

Traditional voice concerts will also be in abundant supply with presentations by the Centurymen; Paducah Boys Choir; the youth choir of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.; Texas Baptist All State Band and Choir; Louisiana Baptist College Choir; William Carey College Choir and others.

The annual commissioned work, this year "Sing Unto the Lord" by Jack Dean, retired professor from Hardin-Simmons University, will be performed at 1:45 p.m., June 14, by the Texas Baptist All State Band and Choir.

"We have two strong worship leaders in Don Burke, pastor of Greenwich Baptist Church, Greenwich, Conn., and Doug Smith, music minister at Highland Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky.," said Al Washburn, conference president.

Washburn, chairman of the church music division at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, said the conference will adopt a revised list of objectives. Primary, he said, are goals for spiritual and musical renewal, and for conference members to be more creative ministers-musicians.

A pre-conference hymnody symposium at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary begins at 10 a.m. June 12 and continues until 4 p.m. Washburn says the symposium is open to all.

Twenty-five to 30 exhibits from music publishers, robe manufacturers and bookstores will be set up in the church gymnasium.



Fund for students

Herman Mason, left, hands a check for \$25,000 to Harold Kitchings, center, while Earl Kelly looks on. Mason is attorney for the estate of Jodie G. and Beulah J. Cleveland, and the check was presented to the Mississippi Baptist Foundation so that the accumulated interest could be given to worthy students at Baptist institutions. Kitchings is executive secretary of the foundation, and Kelly is executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. At the time of their deaths both of the Clevelands were members of Broadmoor Baptist Church, Jackson. Earlier they had been members of Ridgecrest Church, Jackson. He was an employee of the postal service until retirement and had other interests. She taught library science at Mississippi College and earlier taught at DeKalb Community College in Atlanta, Ga.

BMC graduation exercises May 9

The 109th commencement exercises at Blue Mountain College, to be held on May 9, will feature three guest speakers: Marjean Patterson, Bill Peacock, and William Booth Crockett. There are 64 candidates for degrees.

For the baccalaureate service at 11 a.m. Bill Patterson Peacock will present the address. Peacock, associate consultant for evangelism and church growth, with responsibility for partnership evangelism, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., has served as missionary in Korea. He also has served as pastor of Lowrey Memorial Baptist Church, Blue Mountain.

Marjean Patterson will deliver the commencement address at 3 p.m. Miss Patterson is executive director of the Woman's Missionary Union, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The honorary Doctor of Humane



Crockett



Peacock

Letters degrees will be conferred on William Booth Crockett in recognition of his distinguished career as a dentist and an entrepreneur; of his contributions to the community, the church, the Baptist denomination, and to Christian education. Crockett, a native of Tennessee, in 1956 began United Inns, Inc., which operates 39 Holiday Inns throughout the United States. He has served as a deacon of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, as a trustee of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Union University, and as a member of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Foundation.

Special education persons to celebrate holidays during retreat

"Holidays Around The Year" will be the theme for a retreat for special education persons, their parents, teachers, church staff and sponsors on May 21-22 at Camp Garaywa, Clinton. The retreat is sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Church Training Department. It will begin Friday, May 21, with a picnic to celebrate the Fourth of

July, and conclude with an Easter egg hunt to celebrate Easter.

Other holidays that will be celebrated during the retreat are Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Valentine's Day.

Discussion groups for parents, teachers, and others will be led by Mrs. Doris Monroe, consultant for exceptional, Sunday School Board, SBC, Nashville.

Band music, furnished by the orchestra of First Baptist Church, Jackson, fireworks, and a big picnic are on the agenda for the first session on Friday night. Saturday will begin with breakfast and an Easter Parade, and will be highlighted by a Christmas celebration of decorating the tree; entertainment by Jan Cossitt and the Washboard Band from Morrison Heights Baptist Church, Clinton; the Christmas story told by Diana Chiles and her puppet, "Bernard" and the "Mustard Seed Handbells." Miss Chiles is puppet therapist for children who are patients at Mississippi Baptist Medical Center, Jackson.

The cost of the retreat is \$14.50 per person attending, with a registration fee of \$2.50 to be sent to the Church Training Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205. One parent or sponsor with every three or fewer special education persons should attend.

Other information about the retreat may be received from the events planner, Evelyn George, consultant, Church Training Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205.

Yazoo churches to have tent revival

An old-fashioned tent revival will be held in Yazoo County, May 9-14. It will be about nine miles west of Highway 49 on Highway 433 between Bentonia and Sartoria in the Mechanicsburg Community. Services will be at 7:30 p.m. The evangelist will be Danny Lafferty of Ocean Springs.

The song director will be J. B. Betts of Memphis, Tenn. The revival is being sponsored by Hebron, Liverpool, and Oil City Baptist Churches.

Revival Dates

Corinth (Lamar): May 9-14; Johnny H. Breazeale, pastor; Purvis; Valton Douglas, North Columbia Baptist Church, Columbia, evangelist; Jerry Brown, leading the music; services 7:30 nightly.

Mars Hill (Winston): May 9-11; Mother's Day Service at 11 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; Al Cooper, pastor, Calvary, Louisville, preaching; 7:30 p.m. Mon.-Wed.; E. C. Tucker, pastor.

Walnut Grove Baptist Church: May 9-14; Evangelist Perry Neal, from Montgomery, Ala., preaching at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Reggie Daugherty, minister of music at Walnut Grove, leading the music; Jerry Kennedy, pastor.

South Corinth Church, Corinth: May 24-26; at 7 p.m.; musical revival; Johnny Parrack, music evangelist; Edward Knox, pastor.

East Corinth Church, Corinth: May 18-21; Milton Koon, pastor, Gaston Baptist (Prentiss), evangelist; James Neal Butler, music director; Charles Dill, pastor.

Homecomings

Cary Church held homecoming on Sunday, May 2. The program featured guest singers, preaching, and dinner on the grounds.

Sand Ridge Church, Scott County, at Lake, will celebrate homecoming on May 9 with dinner on the grounds. Kenneth West of Poplar Springs Church, Simpson County, will deliver the 11 a.m. message, and Mrs. Jean West will bring special music. In the afternoon Mrs. James Chambers, widow of late pastor James Chambers, will speak. Ray Moseley, Sand Ridge pastor, will also deliver a devotional message. Additional activities for youth have been planned to follow the afternoon program.

Mississippi Baptist Activities

- May 9 Baptist Children's Village Mother's Day Offering
MAY — FIVE FABULOUS SUNDAYS IN MAY (SS Emphasis)
- May 10 Adult 8.5 x '85 Growth Seminar; Calvary BC, Jackson; 7-9 p.m. (SS)
- May 11 Associational Planning Workshop; Alta Woods BC, Jackson; 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. (PD)
- May 14-15 Baptist Women Retreat; Camp Garaywa, Clinton; 2:30 p.m., 14th-2:30 p.m., 15th (WMU)

Associational planning to take place at Alta Woods

The annual Associational Planning Workshop will take place May 11, at Alta Woods Baptist Church in Jackson with a number of speakers from across the Southern Baptist Convention. The meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. and concludes at 3 that afternoon.

Purposes of the workshop are to acquaint associational leaders with suggested programs for the church for 1982-83, to make leaders aware of associational programs which might be used to assist churches, to be equipped to lead in the Associational Church Growth Workshop, and to conduct the annual Associational Church Council Workshop.

For directions of missions and moderators J. S. Bradley of the Home Mission Board will speak. Sunday School directors will hear Frank Smith and James Lackey of the Sunday School Board.

Church Training directors will hear Mrs. Roy Edgemon of the SSB. Music directors will hear Carroll Lowe, secretary of Church Music for Louisiana Baptists. Mrs. Anna Mary Birdwell of the Kentucky WMU will speak to WMU Directors.

Norman Godfrey of the Brotherhood Commission will speak to Brotherhood directors. Bill Jenkins of the HMB and Dan Moon of the Brotherhood Commission will speak to Missions committee chairmen. Evangelism chairmen will hear Doug Metzger of the HMB.

WMU will sponsor seminar with Christenson

Mississippi Baptist Woman's Missionary Union is sponsoring an Evelyn Christenson seminar, June 26 at First Baptist Church, Jackson.

Evelyn Christenson will teach her book, "Gaining Through Losing." The seminar begins at 9:30 a.m. and concludes at 3 p.m.

Deadline for registration will be June 12. Tickets are \$7.50 per person. No refunds will be given after June 12. Make checks to WMU, and mail to Ethel McKeith, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205.

Evelyn Christenson is also the author of "What Happens When Women Pray," and "Lord, Change Me."

A St. Paul, Minn., resident, she was selected in 1980 as U.S. "Churchwoman of the Year," by Religious Heritage of America.

Tours of missions sites scheduled in Louisiana

NEW ORLEANS (BP)—Tours of New Orleans and south Louisiana missions sites will be available to messengers and other visitors during the 1982 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The missions tours, sponsored by the New Orleans Baptist Association, will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

The first tour, scheduled for 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, June 12, will be a guided bus tour of south Louisiana mission churches. Space on two buses is limited to 90 persons, at a cost of \$15 per person.

The second tour, limited to 156 participants, will be from 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday June 16, and will visit four mission centers in New Orleans. Cost is \$5 per person.

Reservations should be made before May 15, to the New Orleans Baptist Association, 2222 Lakeshore Drive, New Orleans, La. 70122. Checks should include the notation they are for Account 615.

Participants in the 1982 SBC also may participate in walking tours of the

Stewardship chairmen will hear John Alexander and Julius Thompson of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Stewardship and Cooperative Program Promotion department. And Henry Webb of the SSB will speak to Church Administration coordinators.

This yearly workshop is coordinated by Chester Vaughn, program director of the MBCB.

Hospital school will graduate 51 nurses

Baptist Memorial Hospital School of Nursing will graduate 51 nurses on May 7 in ceremonies beginning at 8 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 200 E. Parkway North, Memphis.

The new nurses represent 14 states, and 33 of the graduates are from the tri-state area of Tennessee, Mississippi, Arkansas. Forty-two of the graduates will join Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis as nurses.

During the ceremony, Joseph H. Powell, president of Baptist Memorial, and W. Fred Kendall II, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the hospital, will congratulate and present diplomas to the graduating nurses.

Speakers for the ceremony include Tom Madden, executive secretary/treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, Brentwood, and David Holloway, chief of the medical staff at the hospital.

Graduates from Mississippi are Susan Averett, Nesbit; Rheta Diann Baker, Hickory Flat; Carrie Groves, Oxford; and Donna Gale Webb, Courtland.

BYWs will get together for lunch

Young Christian women from all over the country will be getting together in New Orleans for lunch. The occasion will be the National Baptist Young Women Luncheon, June 14, at the New Orleans Hilton Hotel, 12:30-2 p.m.

Dorothy Sample, national president of Woman's Missionary Union, will be luncheon speaker.

Child care will be available at the hotel for an hourly charge, plus a light lunch, for \$5 per child.

Advance reservations must be made. Send \$10 with name and address to: BYW Luncheon, WMU, 600 North 20th Street, Birmingham, Ala., 35203. Reservation deadline is May 28.

Symposium on Baptist hymnody to be June 12

A Symposium on Baptist Hymnody is being planned at New Orleans Seminary for Saturday, June 12, the day before the pre-SBC conferences.

This one-day meeting focusing on Baptist traditions of congregational song will include presentations of recent research in this field, panel discussion, and an old fashioned Sacred Harp Sing including dinner on the grounds. A special feature of the Symposium will be an exhibit of historic Baptist hymnals.

Further information on the Symposium may be obtained from Harry Eskew, New Orleans Seminary, 3939 Gentilly Boulevard, New Orleans, La., 70126.

Men's breakfast slated in N.O.

The Brotherhood Commission will host a Baptist Men's Fellowship breakfast Wednesday morning, June 16, prior to the SBC morning session. The breakfast begins at 7 a.m. at Gentilly Baptist Church, 5141 Franklin Street. Royal Ambassadors who have earned the National Service Award will be recognized. The Service Award represents at least 750 hours of service in ministry and worship projects.

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Ridgecrest champions get trophy

The young women's softball team of Ridgecrest Baptist Church, Jackson, was the 1981 Champion of the Mississippi Baptist Women's State Softball Tournament. This team emerged as the No. 1 team across the state of Mississippi with more than 120 Baptist women's teams participating in eight regional tournaments. The top teams from each region were brought together for the state tournament in Jackson on August 21-22. In the 17 team tournament, the Ridgecrest team won five games and went undefeated in winning the tournament. Recognition was given to the team and coaches at the close of a morning worship service when the trophy was presented to the church. Standing from left to right, the team members are: Karen Douglas, Beth Furby, Sharon Douglas, Doreen Douglas, Becky Lee, Priscilla Jones, Karen Banks, Marcia Graves, Linda Prince, and Kathy Meredith. Not pictured were: Denise Blackwell and Abby Knight. The coaches on the second row, left to right are: Tommy Furby and Wallace Jones.

Regional evangelism meets planned for May, August

Two regional evangelism conferences will take place in north Mississippi May 24 and May 25. Each conference will be from 9:30 a.m. to 3 in the afternoon. They will have identical programs and speakers.

The two conferences will be at First Baptist Church, Greenwood, on May 24 and at Calvary Baptist Church, Tupelo, May 25.

Guy Henderson will speak on "Do the Work of an Evangelistic Church." Gerald Harris will talk on "Marks of an Evangelistic Church," and "Keeping Evangelism Alive in Your Church."

Bo Mitchell will speak on "Our Need for Revival." Franklin Paschall will talk about "The Theology of Evangelism," and "The Primacy of Evangelism."

Henderson is director of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Evangelism department, which is sponsoring the conferences. Harris is pastor of Colonial Heights Baptist Church in Jackson. Mitchell is a layman from Spanish Fort, Ala. And Paschall is pastor of First Church, Nashville.

Bogue Chitto breaks ground

Bogue Chitto Baptist Church in Neshoba County, New Choctaw Association, will hold groundbreaking ceremonies for its new auditorium, Saturday, May 8, at 12:30 p.m.

Mississippi Campers on Mission are assisting the congregation in funding and building the auditorium, according to Frank Henry, pastor. The congregation will tear down the old auditorium and put the new one in its place. They plan to worship under an open air tabernacle built from timbers from the old auditorium during the building of the new one.

New Choctaw holds workshop

May 7-8, the New Choctaw Baptist Association will hold a Church Leadership Workshop at the Baptist Indian Center near Philadelphia.

Pastors and church elected leadership will hear Russell Begaye, Fermin Whitaker, and Doug Metzger all of the Home Mission Board, and Chuck Padilla of the language unit of the Sunday School Board.

Dolton Haggan directs missions for the association.

Cato church to give reception for Grays

Cato Church at Mendenhall will give a reception Sunday, May 9, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the church fellowship hall for the pastor, G. R. (Ricky) Gray, and his wife and two children. Gray has resigned at Cato in order to accept the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Okolona, and May 9 will be his last Sunday at the Rankin County church. Mrs. Gale Martin, Cato member, said that pastors and others in the area, as well as the church members, are invited to the reception.

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Fairchilds fight many battles in India

By Molly Fairchild

As our plane taxied down the runway of the D.C. national airport on Jan. 13, I was not aware of the great spiritual warfare that was taking place. The snow was peppering down quite rapidly as it had been since early morning. The sky was grey and visibility was practically zero.

As we approached the end of the runway, our plane suddenly turned around and taxied back to the terminal where the news was broken to us by our captain. The plane ahead of us had just crashed into the 14th Street Bridge and plunged into the Potomac.

The airport closed immediately, and we were stranded inside for 24 hours. I spent the entire night thinking, praying, and asking, "Why, God, why?"

A Scripture kept racing through my mind. "The thief cometh not but to kill, to steal, and to destroy. But I am come that they might have life. . . . My husband and I were on our way to India to preach the latter part of this verse. 'I am come that they might have life.'"

We knew that it was God's will for us to go to India, as we had known it the other six times our family had gone. But from the very beginning, Satan had thrown roadblocks in our way, tempting us not to go. My mind flashed back to several incidents that could have hindered our mission. I will list only two.

On Jan. 6 as we said goodbye to my precious Christian mother-in-law we did not know if we would ever see her alive again, for she was critically ill. However, we trusted her to the care of our loving Heavenly Father while we were about his business.

As we left Moselle in our motor home, rain was pouring. Then we met sleet and snow, saw wrecks, and prayed for a safe journey. We stopped overnight in Fayetteville, N. C. at my son David's home where I became deathly ill from my malaria prevention medication. I could hardly hold my head up as we drove on next day. We were scheduled to speak in a church in the D.C. area while visiting with our daughter Susie. Since I could not throw off the nausea, Elven thought it best that I return home and he go to India alone.

Instead of going home, where the weather was below zero, I suggested I fly to Florida and stay with our oldest daughter, Ann Marie. However, I kept praying for God to heal me. On the morning of the 12th my nausea left, so by the grace of God I was on the N.Y. bound and not on the Florida bound plane that crashed into the bridge.

Once again the scripture came to me. "The thief cometh not but to steal,

kill, and destroy." It was then I realized the devil was playing a game with me. It is called spiritual warfare. On Jan. 14 at 10 p.m., our 747 flew out of New York in a terrible blizzard.

After spending three nights and days in the air and airports we arrived in Bombay one day behind schedule. Our crusade co-ordinator had by then assumed we were not coming, so no one met us. It took three days to locate him; he had cancelled our crusades. Meanwhile I again became violently ill. A doctor who came to the hotel brought his entire staff and EKG equipment. He said I had food poisoning. After that experience I was very cautious about what I ate and drank. (I read of several cases of death through poisoned coffee at some of the hotels.)

Finally we were introduced to Rev. Samuel, a pastor and district director of 40 churches in Martandum. He set up several areawide crusades for us. With no publicity or promotion they were very well attended, and many were saved.

No monkey business

On the first night of the crusade I used a monkey puppet. After the services Bro. Samuel said I could not use the monkey because people in that area were afraid of the monkey god. Because my monkey talked (they thought it talked by itself), they thought it had special powers. I was not allowed to use any of my dolls in the crusades.

Rev. Samuel said, "In the crusades, we only pray, sing, and preach." I said, "OK, I'll pray, Elven can preach, and you sing." He said, "You must bring a message each evening, and also your husband, and sing." For the next 18 days I brought a message and closed it with a song. I'd never sung a solo before in my life, but God blessed.

One night I spoke on "Satan as a roaring lion roams about, seeking whom he may devour." No sooner had I gotten the words out of my mouth than the women began to scream and jump up off the ground (where they sat during the crusade).

A huge rat had run through the crowd, interrupting the service. This led me to take up where I had left off, in my message on spiritual warfare.

In this area Elven was stoned by a beggar; a communist roadblock was set up and we were not allowed in the streets; and a preacher's house was burned. Since arriving back in the USA, we had a letter from Bro. Samuel. He said that killings have broken out in the churches and several of his church members have been killed.



Whatever was there disappeared—and so did the interpreter. At left is Molly Fairchild and at center is her husband Elven, a preacher and a magician.

But God blessed our efforts. In the 18 days there we spoke 65 times in crusades, churches, schools, colleges, factories, and institutions. We saw many saved, and many committed to the Lord. Bro. Samuel's son who had quit school, and taken up with a bad crowd, was gloriously saved. Before my eyes I saw the change from a rebellious teenager to a loving son who started coming to the crusades, and started back to school.

We left the 100 degree weather in south India and flew to Chandigarh in north India. Chandigarh is a beautiful city in the foothills of the snow-covered Himalayas.

We worked with Nazir Masih, young pastor of First Baptist Church, Chandigarh. A new work growing by leaps and bounds, the church meets in Bro. Masih's home, a two room apartment. Land has been bought and a building is to be erected soon. There are about 100 members. They have established eight missions and are doing a lot of village work. We had services in homes all over the area. As many as 75 to 100 would crowd into a 12 x 14 room.

Then we had outdoor services and closed with a tent meeting on the campus of Punjab University. Students from many countries attended the services. Many were saved.

As we were driving from Chandigarh to New Delhi, we saw and were almost involved in eight separate wrecks. My constant song was "Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come, 'tis grace that brought me safe thus far and grace will lead me on."

A dry and thirsty land

We had many rewarding experiences but the most rewarding (in addition to the many souls saved) was a prayer from the lips of a school principal. "Miss Katherine" from New Zealand, principal of an English middle

school, invited us to her home for tea. As we sat around the table, she said, "I know the children enjoyed your program with your puppets and other visuals, but the message you gave was for our teachers. I have been trying to reach them for Christ. God sent you here, because our teachers needed the message and I needed Christian fellowship and encouragement." She prayed, "Thank you, God, for sending living springs of refreshing waters to a dry and thirsty land."

Yes, the thief does come to kill, steal, and destroy, but praise God, for the latter part, "I am come that they might have life and have it abundantly." I am so glad that through all the temptations we never turned back. And did he not also say that "in the world ye shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer, for I have overcome the world?"

Molly Fairchild is the wife of Elven Fairchild. Both are evangelists from Moselle, Miss.)

Opening sounds for Ellisville centennial

First Baptist Church, Ellisville began its centennial celebration during April. These activities will continue into July, 1982.

The Centennial Committee has planned many activities to involve members and guests. On April 25, the church was host for an "Old-Fashioned Day." Three former pastors, Lowrey Compere, W. E. Green, and W. L. Clark, participated on program during the morning service.

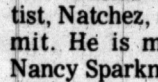
In recognition of all former pastors, portraits of each are being placed in the education building.

Staff Changes

First Baptist Church, Eudora, Northwest Association, welcomed two staff members April 4. Jane Ward of Eudora is the new music director. She is a graduate of Mississippi College and has served at the church on several occasions as interim music director. She and her husband, Earl, have two daughters. Randy Leslie of Tupelo has been called as minister of children and youth. A graduate of Blue Mountain College, he was formerly pastor of Victory Church, Guntown, and director of activities and chaplain at the Tupelo Manor Nursing Home. He is married to the former Mary Jo Miller of Hernando. Wayne Edwards is the Eudora pastor.

Bruce Fields, formerly minister of activities and youth at First Baptist Church, Canton, has become minister of youth and activities at First Baptist Church, Biloxi. He is a graduate of New Orleans Seminary and Mississippi College. He has also served at Tyler-town Baptist Church, First Baptist, Natchez, and First Baptist, Summit. He is married to the former Nancy Sparkman of DeKalb.

Fields



The North Oxford Church, Oxford, has called Mike Pearce as minister of education. Pearce is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University in Arkansas and Southwestern Seminary in Texas. He goes from Broadway Baptist Church, Sand Springs, Okla., where he is minister of education. He, his wife Brenda, and son Stuart will begin serving at the North Oxford Church in May.

Chesterville Church, Lee Association, has called Brad Hodges as pastor. Hodges goes from Emmanuel Church, Greenville, where he has been associate pastor since November, 1980. Chesterville will be his first full time pastorate. He will begin his duties there on May 9.

Alan Woodward has been called as pastor of First Baptist Church, Ellisville. He comes from Highland Baptist Church, Metairie, La.

A native of



Gadsden, Ala., Woodward attended Miami Dade Junior College. He received his B. A. degree from William Carey College.

His master of divinity degree is from Southern Seminary and his doctor of theology degree from New Orleans Seminary.

He is married to the former Frances Wright. They have two sons.

Devotional Remember Mama

By Anthony L. Kay, pastor, First, Calhoun City

When I was a young boy, "I Remember Mama" was a weekly featured series on television. My family gathered around the television to watch each heart-tugging episode of one individual's memories of life with his mother.



Kay

As I remember Mama today, I am happy to note that my mother resides in Tennessee, but her teachings, love, and wisdom abide with me wherever I am. Let's remember Mama today.

Remember her love. Remember those days when you were helpless and she cared for you. Remember the time you had the measles and she kept the room dark, prepared your favorite food, and even let you cut up some cardboard boxes to build your private hide-out. Remember the times that she disciplined you and it hurt your feelings in several places, and how it brought tears to her eyes. Remember her love.

Remember her selflessness. Mama always sees after the family first and herself last. Do you recall those times when there was company for dinner and not enough pie to go around? Remember who said, "I don't care for pie today." Shoes, dresses, and personal items for Mama were always bought AFTER everything else had been purchased.

Remember her instruction. Mama was instrumental in leading me to know Jesus Christ as my Savior. Bible stories, daily lessons for life and personal witnessing were a regular part of life at home. At the age of eight and one-half years in Columbus, Ga., I received Christ as Mother and I were on our knees in prayer. As I grew to manhood, she instilled I Cor. 10:13 as a light for my life. Yes, today, let's remember Mama—your mother. Thank God for her love, selflessness, and wisdom.

THE VILLAGE VIEW

FROM Baptist Children's Village
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"TRAIN WRECK" game

Many thanks to Dianne Crawley, children's director, First Baptist Church, Jackson, for leading Village children on The India Nunnery Campus in a weekly seminar on biblical relationships. The month-long seminar, featuring Bible stories, games, activities, and music, was aimed at helping the children understand how Jesus would have them relate to the people who are a part of their lives. In this picture the children play a game called "Train Wreck."



Easter gifts

Young men from Friendship Cottage, India Nunnery Campus, pose for a picture before leaving for Easter morning services at First Baptist Church, Jackson. Shelby and Ruth Hubbard are the houseparents at Friendship. These young men and the many others throughout Village care extend thanks to the many kind and generous friends in the state who made the "Dress a Child" a very special reality!

Congratulations to 1982 Seniors

Farrow Manor:
Sue Chaffin
(Independence High School)
India Nunnery Campus:
Dede Boyanton
Annette Harvey
Ricky Huff
Drew Irwin
Becky Kicklighter
Linda Rainey
Linda Williams
(Clinton High School)

Congratulations are also extended to Coyce Critchfield who recently completed the BankTeller Course through Hinds Junior College.

Wedding Bells

Best wishes to Victor and Sharon Stone Dorman who were married April 17, 1982. Sharon, a Village caseworker, has been on staff since 1978.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

The multi-media presentation "Children: Our Special Trust" is available for churches and civic groups. We are thankful for the enthusiastic response, and we would count it a special privilege to present it in your church or group. Scheduling for all presentations can be done by contacting Ruth Glaze, Box 11308, Jackson, Mississippi, 39213, or by calling 922-2242.

Farrow Manor News

The Annual Farrow Manor Day was held May 2 at Mt. Zion Baptist Church. This was a very special day as Farrow Manor residents were "special guests" in their own "home church" and invited for family dinners with church members.

Many thanks are extended to the Shriners' Group from Harbortown which recently provided a trip to Libertyland for all Farrow Manor young people, children, and staff.

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Mother's Day Offering The Baptist Children's Village May 9, 1982

We respectfully suggest that every Baptist Church in Mississippi should have an active part in this special Mother's Day offering, which is the only appeal of the year to all churches.

On May 9, in your church service, please consider:

1. a special PRAYER for **The Village** and our children;
2. a special MESSAGE on **The Village** and our childcare mission;
3. a special OFFERING for **The Village** to meet the needs of childcare.

The Village is dependent on your Special Giving, designated for The Village, for 70% of our operating budget. Please "be there" for us! Thank you!

Bible Book Series

David the victorious king

By Howard E. Spell, Clinton
2 Samuel 8:1-3, 6, 13-15; 9:1, 7, 9, 13
It has already been noted that the writer of 2 Samuel does not follow a strict chronological order in recording various events in Israel's history. Chapter 8 is thought of as a summary of many of David's campaigns and of his government.

I. David's military conquests (8:1-3, 6, 13-14)
There is no reason to question David's genius in military conquests, but there came a time in his reign that his advisers decreed that he should no longer go forth to battle in person. This happened after David was almost killed by the Philistines (2 Sam. 21:17). He could plan military campaigns, but he was to remain in Jerusalem (11:1). Joab was the chief commander of his military forces.

Major English versions differ in their translation of verse 1 of chapter 8. All of them agree on David's fighting and subduing the Philistines, but there is disagreement about the latter part of the verse. There is no other reference to a place called Metheg-ammah. The New American Standard Version says, "David took control of the chief city from the hands of the Philistines" (8:1b).

This raises some questions, however, since the Philistines had no chief city and were ruled instead by the kings of five cities and they are commonly referred to as the Philistine Pentapolis. Regardless of the different translations, the idea is that David gained mastery over the Philistines who had been almost perpetual thorns in the sides of the Israelites.

We are given no clue as to why certain of the men of Moab were put to death. They could have been prisoners of war, but we are not told the reason for their deaths. While David was in exile (during Saul's reign), he had asked the king of Moab to give safe keeping to his parents until he knew more of God's plan for his life (1 Samuel 22:3-4). Thus David would have been deeply indebted to the Moabites. They became subjects of David, however, and had to pay tribute to him. It was many years later, after the death of Ahab, that Moab rebelled against the Israelites.

David established garrisons in several of the surrounding territories he had captured. They would have had the responsibility of keeping down any attempted rebellions and of seeing that tribute money flowed into the

king's treasury.

II. The victorious king's government (8:15)

It is important to note that David reigned over all of Israel. The kingdom was a united one. That "David administered justice and righteousness for all his people" is not to be understood in the sense that he personally heard every complaint or that he presided over every dispute between individuals or groups. Instead, we may rest assured he had instituted some type of courts in which only major decisions would be made by the king.

It is stated in the King James Version that David's sons were chief rulers where the Revised Standard Version and the New English Bible refer to them as priests. The New American Standard Version calls them chief ministers. We do not have any account of their carrying out the functions of the priests. David's personal priest, near the end of his life, was Ira the Jairite (2 Samuel 20:26). We would assume, then, that David's sons were helpers in the national government.

We need not take seriously Absalom's criticism of the judiciary system of his father, since he was doing so for selfish and political reasons, with his only purpose being that of trying to gather support for his personal ambitions.

III. David's concern for the family of Saul (9:1, 7, 9, 13)

The respect which he had for the former king and the close friendship he had experienced with Jonathan, Saul's son, caused David to make enquiry about any living relatives of Saul. Ziba, a former servant in the household of Saul was brought before David. From the servant he learned that Jonathan had a crippled son who was still alive.

David had this son, Mephibosheth, brought before him, and promised that he would restore all of the land which had formerly belonged to Saul, and that Mephibosheth would be fed at government expense. He repeated the promise to Ziba, the family servant, and told him he wanted him to oversee the property and bring the proceeds from the operation to Mephibosheth. Ziba and his 15 sons and 20 servants would serve as tenants. Mephibosheth was treated practically as David's son in that he ate at the king's table.

In chapters 8-9 we have two pictures of David. In one, he is portrayed as a great military leader (sometimes not very compassionate) interested in ex-

tending the influence of the Israelites through conquest and subjugation; in the other, he is seen as a compassionate person who did not forget the descendants of his former sovereign. It could be that if we knew more about why certain of the Moabites were slain, we would have no criticism of David's acts.

David advanced the kingdom of the Israelites through careful planning and vigorous campaigning. Today God's people have the opportunity of expanding his kingdom in the same way—through careful planning and enthusiastic campaigning in the name of Christ. But sad to say, we seem to shirk the idea of careful planning and we certainly are lacking in enthusiasm for our tasks. It is sad when we forget what other persons have done for us. How much worse when we forget what our God and heavenly Father has done for us.



ACTEENS and GA'S of RIENZI CHURCH, Alcorn Association, held a spaghetti supper March 19, to raise money for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. \$209.00 was raised by the girls. Left to right: Tonja Key, Stacy Benjamin, Tracy Palmer, Holley Benjamin, Susan Morgan, Jana Johnson, Mitzi Gann, and Michelle Southern. Leaders are Mrs. Judy Palmer, Acteens; Rita Johnson, GA's. G. Riley Gann is pastor.



AIRPORT BAPTIST CHURCH, GRENADA has ordained four new deacons, (left to right), CALVIN MITCHELL, LENNIS TRIBBLE, JAMES TRIBBLE, and EARL FRANKLIN. Pictured with the deacons are their wives, Libby Mitchell, Frances Tribble, Linda Tribble, and Candy Franklin. The pastor of Airport Church is Paul Blanchard.

Just for the Record



EASTPORT BAPTIST CHURCH, IUKA, held a note burning service at 7 p.m. Sunday, March 21, after a covered dish supper. A ten-year loan of \$20,000 for a new sanctuary was paid off in January, 1982, in less than three years. New furniture and a new piano were bought and paid for before the dedication of the sanctuary in April, 1979. Burning the note are, left to right: Ansel Jones, Webster Booker, deacons; Joe Weaver, pastor; Jerry Booker, Kirk Brown, Terry Booker, deacons.

In 1969 a deed was made to Eastport Church for a cemetery, which has 78 plots with 624 grave sites. In 1972, a building fund was started, when Perry Murphy was pastor. Building of the new sanctuary was begun in 1978, when G. D. Jones was pastor. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Booker recently presented a new organ to the church, in memory of their son, Brian, who died in a motorcycle accident.

Northward Baptist Church of Gulfport will host a "Faith and Family Life Conference," beginning May 13 and concluding with the evening service on May 16. Bobby Perry, executive director, Gulf Coast Association, will lead the conference. Durwood Broughton is the pastor.

Shiloh Baptist Church (Alcorn Association) sponsored a spring missions conference April 18-21. To open the conference, Marvin Cox, Union County director of missions, spoke on associational missions. Joe Cobb, BSU director at Northeast Mississippi Junior College, spoke on student missions. Marjean Patterson, executive director, Mississippi WMU, on state missions; and Richard Alford, from the Cooperative Missions department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, on home missions. Tom Sumrall, pastor of First Baptist, New Albany and a former missionary to Brazil, ended the conference with a talk on foreign missions. Decisions made included one profession of faith and one new member by letter. Horace Thomas is pastor.



THE MISSION ACTION GROUP of FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, SARDIS, meet at the North Panola Nursing Center once a month to do the mending and sewing for the residents as one of their monthly ongoing projects. Left to right are Eula Youngblood, president of the group; Martha Fredrickson, WMU director; Virginia Hornbeck, Tinsel Blakely, and Virgil Durham. Other members not pictured are Mary Still, Vergie Towles, and Kate Basford. (Photo by DeDe Fitts).



WESTWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH OF MERIDIAN awarded the family of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Cooper perfect attendance pins in Sunday School totaling 59 years. Left to right: Bill Wingfield—Sunday School director; Bobby Cooper—14 years; Dennis Cooper—16 years; Mrs. Sheila Cooper McAlister—16 years; and Mrs. Edwina Cooper—13 years. W. Buford Usry is pastor.

Life and Work Lesson

Updating the covenant

By James L. Travis
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University Medical Center, Jackson
Deuteronomy 6:4-25

The Sunday School lesson last week focused on renewing the covenant. This week the focus is on updating the covenant. Though there obviously is a similarity between these two approaches, there is also a difference. The difference is similar to something which is initially put together or radically revised and then maintained in an up-to-date state from then on. It is a commentary on the process nature of salvation.

That is, there is a beginning point and also significant renewals along the way of one's personal pilgrimage. However, it is not sufficient simply to rely upon these peak experiences to keep one's faith alive. There needs to be the constant updating so that at any given point in our lives our faith is alive and working for us.

I. Foreshadowing of a new commandment (6:4-9): Once again, there is the call for Israel to give clear attention. Attention is to be focused on this primary fact of faith, namely, that Yahweh, their God, is one Yahweh. The exact translation of verse 4 is debatable. As Gerhard Von Rad has pointed out, "It might be translated: 'Yahweh is our God, Yahweh alone!' But it might also be translated: 'Yahweh, our God, is one Yahweh.' " Von Rad goes on to point out that in the first case the passage may be a confession which is set over against the temptations to join the Canaanite cult of Baal.

In the latter case, it may be a confession of the essential oneness of Yahweh in face of a number of different traditions and sanctuaries of Yahweh. Either way this declaration stands at the center of the Judeo-Christian faith, and from this proceeds the imperative implications for living out that faith.

The new commandment that Jesus gave to his disciples is foreshadowed in this command that Israel respond to the Lord God with all of the facets of their being—heart, soul, and might. Jesus added to this the essential element of loving one's neighbor as one's self. The Old Testament does not go this far, but the groundwork is laid in this fundamental command to respond to God in love. Keep in mind that this recollection of Moses' address was

written down after the time of Hosea the prophet. Hosea's prophecy had been the first clear and thought-out declaration of God's love for his wayward people and the possibility of God's people responding to him in love.

Furthermore, these words placed before Israel were to infuse their daily living. They were to be taught diligently to the children. They were to be made a part of each day's agenda. Further, there were even to be some tangible evidence of these words that would be a reminder to the people of their covenant relationship to God. To be sure, an idol may be made of the written word of God if we let it stand between us and a firsthand encounter with the WORD of God. Nevertheless, it is important for Christian families today to ritualize in some fashion the fundamentals of the faith, so that they remain evident as important to the living out of one's faith.

II. Fear of God (6:14-15) In light of the commandment to love the Lord God with all one's powers, this commandment to fear the Lord God is then set in context. It is not to be some kind of abject and terrified acquiescence to a capricious God who must be kept pleased lest his wrath fall on his people.

Rather, it is a kind of clear-sighted and wholesome respect for reality, namely, that idolatry in any form always makes the human creature vulnerable to destructive consequences. The writer of Deuteronomy interpreted this as the expression of the anger of God against his people. No doubt, that is the way in which we experience reality when we have placed ourselves in a position of alienation from the Creator. It then feels very much like the kind of destruction which wipes us out completely, because we have shut the door on the only One who can give life its deepest meaning.

III. The teachable moment (6:20-25): It is anticipated that over and over again future generations will want to know the meaning of these fundamentals which have been handed down. They are not self-evident, and the truth of the matter is that every generation must be evangelized anew. The deeper meanings of the faith must not only be handed down mechanically, but must also be infused with new meaning and life as those who have experienced the

grace of God interpret that grace to those who are coming into awareness. Such a question allows us the opportunity to interpret our experiences of deliverance even as the nation of Israel would harken back to its deliverance from bondage in Egypt.

This is the manner in which the covenant is constantly updated, that is, rehearsing it again and again, not only for our benefit, but for the benefit of those who follow after us.



Armond Taylor, his wife, Yvonne, and daughter, Julie.

Reception honors Armond Taylor

A tenth anniversary reception on April 9 honored Armond D. Taylor and his family. It was held in the fellowship hall of Longview Heights Baptist Church, Olive Branch, where Taylor is pastor. A display of memorabilia included the Taylor family photo album and pictures of the past ten years' activities at Longview Heights.

The Taylors were presented a love offering from the deacons during the reception and were surprised with a gift of \$1,000 from the congregation on Easter Sunday.

Taylor, in the ministry for 30 years, recently completed studies for a doctor of ministry degree from Luther Rice Seminary, Jacksonville, Fla. Mrs. Taylor is an elementary teacher in the Olive Branch School system.

"You know, you've changed since I saw you last."
"And how? For better or worse?"
"My dear, you could only change for the better."

Uniform Lesson

A vision of worship

By Louie Farmer, Jr., Hattiesburg
Revelation 5:1-10

This is the third in a series of six lessons on the book of Revelation. The first lesson showed us that Revelation is the word of God given to Jesus Christ who, in turn, sent it to John by an angel. John, in exile on the island of Patmos, was instructed to write what he saw and send the book to the seven churches in Asia.

This was during the period of persecution so John wrote in the apocalyptic style to insure that his intended recipients would understand and the enemies of Christianity could not.

In the second lesson we were given a brief look at the recipients of the Revelation as we studied letters which were addressed to two of the seven churches of Asia. This was in the second and third chapters of Revelation.

I. The action moves to heaven (Revelation 4)

The larger lesson today covers chapters 4 and 5 of Revelation. At the beginning of chapter four, the voice which had told John to write what he saw and sent it to the churches of Asia (see 1:10) said to John "Come up here and I will show you what must happen after this." The spirit of God took control of John and he was in heaven.

There John saw one on a throne whose face had the brilliance of precious stones. The context shows that this was God. Around the throne were 24 other thrones upon which sat 24 elders dressed in white and wearing golden crowns. These 24 elders probably symbolize the 12 tribes of Israel and the 12 apostles. Thus, they represent all the people of God both in Old Testament and New Testament times. From the throne came flashes of lightning and peals of thunder. These are details to add vividness to the description and should not be pressed for definite meaning.

In front of the throne were seven torches which symbolize the Holy Spirit. The number seven was used to symbolize perfection.

In front of the throne was a glass or crystal sea to symbolize the great distance between the throne of God and the people of earth.

Around the throne were four living creatures. Some versions call them beasts, but that is not the picture presented here. The original language simply indicates that they are living. They are very much like the

seraphims in Isaiah 6 and are constantly singing a similar song of worship. As often as the living creatures sing their song the 24 elders fall down before the one who sits on the throne and lay their crowns at his feet. This shows that all their power comes from him. They sing a song that acknowledges he is the creator of all things.

II. The book (Revelation 5:1-7)

John saw a scroll in the right hand of the one who sat on the throne. It was a papyrus scroll and not the sort of book we know. Usually people only wrote on the inside of such a scroll because the manner in which papyrus was made caused the outside of the sheets to be more difficult to use. The fact that both sides of the papyrus had writing on them indicated that there was much to be written.

We have no indication as to the subject or contents of the scroll. Interpreters do not agree as to what they think it contained. Some have called it "The Book of Destiny." It probably contained the destiny of man.

This book was sealed with seven seals. It was customary that the scroll on which a will was written was sealed by each of seven witnesses. Only the witness could break his seal to allow the will to be read. This is the picture we see. The tense of the Greek verb indicates that the scroll was completely or securely sealed. The number seven also indicates the completeness of the sealing. Now, the seals were not something that it would take a strong man to break. The idea was that one must have the authority to open the book. The right to open this book was based on one being worthy because of his life and work.

So a strong angel sent out a call for one who would be worthy to open the book. The word "strong" meant that the angel could be heard to the ends of the earth. No one was found who could open the book. John realized that this would at least keep him from knowing "what must happen after this," so he cried bitterly.

One of the elders told John not to cry for the Lion of Judah, a descendant of David, had won the victory and was worthy to break the seals of the book.

John looked to see the Lion of Judah, the one worthy to open the book. What he saw was not a lion but a lamb standing in the midst of the throne surrounded by the elders and the four living creatures. The Lamb showed signs of having been killed. Sheep were killed

for slaughter by cutting their throats. This Lamb had the scar on its neck which showed that it had been killed for the redemption of men. The Lamb had seven horns symbolizing complete power or authority. It had seven eyes symbolizing that it had complete knowledge.

As John watched, the Lamb went to the throne and took the book from the one who sat on the throne.

III. A vision of worship (Revelation 5:8-10)

The scene surrounding the Lamb is quite different from our usual worship experience. As the Lamb took the book, the 24 elders and the four living creatures fell down before him. They had harps to make music and they had gold bowls in which was incense symbolizing the prayers of the saints on earth being brought before the Lamb.

They sang a new song. It was not new in respect to time. It was new in respect to being a different sort. The Old Testament has many references to "a new song." Compare Psalm 40:3, "He hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God." Christianity is a singing religion. Singing is a common, natural, and almost necessary part of worship.

The new song which they sang showed why the Lamb was worthy to break the seals of the scroll. He had been killed and by his lifeblood he had bought back men for God from every tribe, language, people, or nation. He had made them a kingdom of priests.

This was the vision that John had of all those in heaven worshipping Jesus Christ as the Lamb who was worthy.

The remainder of chapter five tells us that John saw myriad creatures in heaven, on earth, under the earth, and in the sea singing praises to the Lamb.

Cali, Colombia — Colombian Baptists selected a new mission point, dedicated a couple to serve there and gave \$550 toward the new work to climax their annual meeting in January. After polling messengers for the best place to begin new mission work, the Colombian mission board announced it would seek Colombian missionaries to start work in the city of Quibdo, populated largely by blacks. Almost as quickly as Quibdo was chosen, Antonio and Rubiela Balanta, themselves black and already sensing a call to missions, expressed their desire to become missionaries there.